

BLANTYRE CITY COUNCIL CHARGES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR - 20		
DIRECTORATE OF COMMERCE, TRADE AND INDUSTRY		
DETAILS	2025-2026	PROPOSED 2026/2027
FEES PAYABLE FOR FOOD LICENCE PER YEAR		
a) Food licence classified under Hotels & Tourism Act Cap 50:01	720,000.00	936,000.00
b) i. Dairies & bakeries	1,180,000.00	1,534,000.00
ii. Food manufacturing (chain store bakeries,	720,000.00	936,000.00
c) Restaurants, inns & cafes		
Premier - Executive	615,000.00	799,500.00
Premier - standard	480,000.00	624,000.00
i. Class A	290,000.00	377,000.00
ii. Class B	150,000.00	195,000.00
iii. Class C	75,000.00	97,500.00
d) Lodges		
Premier - Executive	350,000.00	455,000.00
e) Casino	700,000.00	910,000.00
e) Wholesalers	720,000.00	936,000.00
f) Supermarkets	480,000.00	624,000.00
g) Clubs	720,000.00	936,000.00
h) Superette	161,000.00	209,300.00
i) Bars / Bottlestores		
Premier (24 hours)	520,000.00	676,000.00
Class A	330,000.00	429,000.00
Class B	240,000.00	292,800.00
Class C	145,000.00	174,000.00
k) Coffee shops/takeaways:		
i. Class A	280,000.00	342,000.00
ii. Class B	115,000.00	138,000.00
iii. Class C	65,000.00	78,000.00
Small confectionery manufacturing	120,000.00	144,000.00
n) Milk permit		
Class A (supermarkets)	110,000.00	133,100.00
Class B (Superettes)	75,000.00	90,000.00
o) Groceries		
i. City centres - Grade A	315,000.00	387,450.00
- Grade B	240,000.00	288,000.00

ii. Townships	105,000.00	126,000.00
iii. Minishops / hawkers	50,000.00	60,000.00
p) Butcheries/Fresh Foods		
DETAILS		
i. City Centres - Premier	620,000.00	744,000.00
- Other	390,000.00	468,000.00
ii. Blantyre and Limbe market	115,000.00	138,000.00
iii. Townships / other markets	75,000.00	90,000.00
q) Convenience shops & bakery outlets	360,000.00	432,000.00
r) Distributors of drinks		
- food	390,000.00	487,500.00
- liquor	710,000.00	887,500.00
s) Opaque beer		
i. Manufacturing	1,500,000.00	2,505,000.00
ii. Taverns (a) Manufacturers outlets		
- One outlet	340,000.00	408,000.00
- 2 to 4 Outlets	520,000.00	624,000.00
- 5 and above outlets	740,000.00	895,400.00
(b) Retailers	200,000.00	242,000.00
iii. Wholesale	720,000.00	900,000.00
BUSINESS LICENCE		
a) Manufacturing		
- Class A (large Scale, in CBD's and industrial	1,200,000.00	1,560,000.00
- Class B (Small scale)	450,000.00	562,500.00
b) Wholesale - Commercial Centres	610,000.00	732,000.00
- Residential areas	300,000.00	360,000.00
c) Retails		
- Limbe / Blantyre class A	NEW	1,500,000.00
- Limbe / Blantyre class B	400,000.00	484,000.00
- Limbe / Blantyre class C	245,000.00	294,000.00
Unclassified commercial centres		
- High Density areas class A	150,000.00	180,000.00
- High Density areas class B	110,000.00	132,000.00
d) Hotels		
4 & 5 star hotels	2,200,000.00	5,016,000.00
3 Star hotels	1,500,000.00	3,000,000.00
1 - 2 Star hotels	880,000.00	1,144,000.00
DETAILS		
e) Ungraded hotels, lodges, motels, inns- Class A	450,000.00	553,500.00
e) Ungraded hotels, lodge, Class B	350,000.00	423,500.00

f) Resthouse - Class A	280,000.00	336,000.00
- Class B	210,000.00	252,000.00
Casino	1,180,000.00	1,534,000.00
g) Nursery School / Primary schools		
Licences		
- K500,000.00 and Above	2,200,000.00	2,860,000.00
- Less than K500,000.00 to K250,000.00	920,000.00	1,196,000.00
- Less than K250,000.00 to K100,000.00	480,000.00	576,000.00
- Less than K100,000.00 to MK50,000	210,000.00	252,000.00
- Less than MK50,000	180,000.00	216,000.00
h) Private Secondary School		
- K600,000.00 and Above	2,450,000.00	3,185,000.00
- Less than K600,000.00 to K350,000.00	1,360,000.00	1,768,000.00
- Less than K350,000.00 to K200,000.00	1,100,000.00	1,430,000.00
- Less than K200,000.00 to K150,000.00	920,000.00	1,104,000.00
- Less than K150,000.00 to K100,000.00	920,000.00	1,104,000.00
- Less than K100,000.00 to K40,000.00	480,000.00	576,000.00
- Less than K40,000.00	300,000.00	360,000.00
i) Private Colleges		
- Class A (Offering Masters)	2,600,000.00	3,380,000.00
- Class B (Offering Degrees)	1,920,000.00	2,496,000.00
- Class C (Offering Diplomas & / or Certificate)	1,360,000.00	1,768,000.00
j) Maize Mill (charged per mill)	50,000.00	65,000.00
k) Hair Dressers, Saloons, Curling, Perming		
- Class A - CBDs	390,000.00	475,800.00
- Class B -	300,000.00	360,000.00
- Class C	180,000.00	216,000.00
- Class D	100,000.00	120,000.00
- Class E	65,000.00	78,000.00
l) Barber Shops		
- Premier	380,000.00	456,000.00
- Class A	180,000.00	216,000.00
- Class B	160,000.00	192,000.00
- Class C	100,000.00	120,000.00
- Class D	28,000.00	33,600.00
m) Massage/Acupuncture Parlour	520,000.00	624,000.00
n) Private Hospitals/Clinics/Nursing Homes		
Maternity Clinics and Laboratories		
- Premier	1,600,000.00	2,080,000.00
- Class A	700,000.00	910,000.00
- Class B	310,000.00	403,000.00
- Class C - Private Clinics in locations	180,000.00	216,000.00
o) Timber Processing		
Class A - large scale	1,100,000.00	1,430,000.00

DETAILS		
Class B - small scale	520,000.00	637,000.00
p) Timber selling		
- Class (all areas)	330,000.00	396,000.00
q) Tailors		
- Companies e.g. Limbe Tailoring	650,000.00	1,007,500.00
- Located in major trading centres per machine	65,000.00	78,000.00
- Khonde Tailors and those located in townships per machine	50,000.00	60,000.00
- Knitters per machine	30,000.00	36,000.00
Special Skills Schools		
- Class A	215,000.00	258,000.00
- Class B	140,000.00	168,000.00
LIQUOR LICENCES		
a) Bars		
i. Premier licence- 24hrs [Hotels etc]	2,050,000.00	2,665,000.00
ii. Class A	920,000.00	1,196,000.00
ii. Class B	700,000.00	910,000.00
iii. Class C	390,000.00	507,000.00
iv. Class D (Small scale, high Density areas)	200,000.00	243,000.00
b) Liquor shops - Premier	800,000.00	976,000.00
- Executive	600,000.00	720,000.00
b) Bottle stores e.g Shoprite, Peoples	390,000.00	468,000.00
c) Hotels & Casinos	770,000.00	924,000.00
d) Restaurants (within bars/bottlestores)		
Non Mobile	290,000.00	348,000.00
Mobile	350,000.00	420,000.00
e) Lodges & Motels	400,000.00	484,000.00
f) Clubs e.g Blantyre Sports Club, Limbe	770,000.00	924,000.00
Country Club, Mpingwe Sports Club,		
College of Medicine Complex, etc		
g) Cabarets	75,000.00	91,500.00
h) Theatres		
j) One off Event licence (e.g Bash)		
k) Liquor manufacturing	2,100,000.00	3,003,000.00
l) Liquor wholesale	1,200,000.00	2,004,000.00
OCCUPATIONAL LICENCE		
a) Filling Stations (per pump)		
- < 4	360,000.00	468,000.00
- > 4 < 8	525,000.00	682,500.00
- > 8	765,000.00	994,500.00
b) Dry cleaning services	530,000.00	689,000.00

- Companies	465,000.00	558,000.00
- Individuals	210,000.00	252,000.00
c) Car washing services - class A - CBDs	170,000.00	212,500.00
class B	120,000.00	144,000.00
d) Office cleaning services		
Class A	310,000.00	372,000.00
Class B	150,000.00	180,000.00
e) Recruitment Agencies		
Class A	270,000.00	324,000.00
Class B	170,000.00	204,000.00
Internet cafes		
- Class A (with more than 10 computers)	260,000.00	314,600.00
- Class B (with 6 to 10 computers)	200,000.00	240,000.00
- Class C (with 5 computers and below)	115,000.00	138,000.00
Secretarial Bureaus		
- Class A	130,000.00	156,000.00
- Class B	75,000.00	90,000.00
- Class C	50,000.00	60,000.00
Cinemas		
- Class A	360,000.00	432,000.00
- Class B	250,000.00	300,000.00
Video shows		
- Movies	45,000.00	54,000.00
- Soccer(Football Shows)	115,000.00	138,000.00
Performing and fine Arts		
Art gallery	450,000.00	540,000.00
Furniture and Joinery		
- Class A (Companies)	1,500,000.00	1,950,000.00
- Class B (Individuals operating on large scale)	315,000.00	378,000.00
- Class C (others)	185,000.00	222,000.00
Coffin Shops		
- Class A (Large operators with extra funeral ser	690,000.00	897,000.00
- Class B (Medium Scale operators)	390,000.00	507,000.00
- Class C (Small scale operators)	180,000.00	217,800.00
Mortuary	700,000.00	910,000.00
Garages		
- Class A (Well established)	900,000.00	1,170,000.00

- Class B	620,000.00	759,500.00
- Class C	300,000.00	360,000.00
- Class D	160,000.00	192,000.00
Bookshops		
- Wholesalers	540,000.00	648,000.00
- Retailers	290,000.00	348,000.00
Airtime / Telephone Bureau		
Distributor - Class A	330,000.00	412,500.00
- Class B	240,000.00	288,000.00
- Wholesale	205,000.00	250,100.00
- Retail	20,000.00	24,000.00
Traveling Agents	810,000.00	1,053,000.00
Tour Guides	150,000.00	195,000.00
Auctioneers	780,000.00	1,014,000.00
Welders		
- Class A (companies)	790,000.00	1,027,000.00
- Class B (medium scale operators)	280,000.00	364,000.00
- Class C	150,000.00	195,000.00
Pharmacies		
- Manufacturing	1,360,000.00	1,768,000.00
- Wholesale	700,000.00	910,000.00
- Retail	325,000.00	396,500.00
- Drug store	195,000.00	234,000.00
Food Suppliments(Herbal)		
- Class A	240,000.00	290,400.00
- Class B	180,000.00	216,000.00
DETAILS		
Gymnasium		
- Class A (Operating at upmarket e.g College of Medicine, Hotels, Sports Clubs	700,000.00	910,000.00
- Class B	NEW	700,000.00
Class C	500,000.00	650,000.00
- Class D	300,000.00	360,000.00
Couriers		
- Class A	620,000.00	744,000.00
- Class B	470,000.00	564,000.00
Estate Agents		
- Class A	680,000.00	837,000.00
- Class B	390,000.00	468,000.00

Contractors		
- Unlimited category (Above 1 Billion)	3,000,000.00	3,900,000.00
- MK1 Billion category	1,650,000.00	2,145,000.00
- MK500 million category	960,000.00	1,248,000.00
- MK200 million category	480,000.00	624,000.00
- MK100 million category	335,000.00	435,500.00
- MK50 million category and Below	250,000.00	325,000.00
Driving Schools		
- Above 10 vehicles	620,000.00	806,000.00
- 5 to 10 vehicles)	470,000.00	611,000.00
- Less than 5 vehicles	330,000.00	429,000.00
Private Parking Spaces		
Class A(50 and above)	480,000.00	624,000.00
Class B(below 50)	235,000.00	305,500.00
Consulting Firms, (Lawyers, Engineers, Surveyors, Accountant, Auditors etc)	450,000.00	585,000.00
Advertising Agents	450,000.00	585,000.00
Trucks/ Lorries		
- International	1,800,000.00	2,340,000.00
- Above 10	1,200,000.00	1,560,000.00
- 5 to 10	730,000.00	949,000.00
- Less than 5	515,000.00	669,500.00
Buses		
- International	1,650,000.00	2,145,000.00
- Above 10 (Local)	1,040,000.00	1,352,000.00
- 5 to 10 (Local)	700,000.00	910,000.00
- Less than 5 (Local)	480,000.00	624,000.00
- Less than 3 (Local)	400,000.00	520,000.00
Taxis		
- Above 10	400,000.00	480,000.00
- 6 to 10	210,000.00	252,000.00
- Less than 5	115,000.00	138,000.00
Car Hire		
- Above 20	600,000.00	732,000.00
- Less than 20	390,000.00	468,000.00
Car Sales		
- Car Sales	840,000.00	1,092,000.00
- Spare parts	410,000.00	533,000.00
COF Services	900,000.00	1,170,000.00
Farm Produce (maize, beans, rice etc)		
- Class A	280,000.00	364,000.00
- Class B	180,000.00	234,000.00
- Class C	115,000.00	149,500.00
Security Service Providers		

- Class A	900,000.00	1,170,000.00
- Class B	500,000.00	650,000.00
- Class C	250,000.00	325,000.00
Screen Printers		
- Class A	560,000.00	672,000.00
- Class A	360,000.00	432,000.00
- Class B	230,000.00	276,000.00
Photo Studios		
Photographer - Class A(companies)	400,000.00	480,000.00
- Class B(individuals)	150,000.00	180,000.00
Recording Studios		
- Class A	430,000.00	516,000.00
- Class B	200,000.00	240,000.00
TV stations	650,000.00	845,000.00
Commercial Radio	550,000.00	715,000.00
Community TV stations	180,000.00	234,000.00
Community radio stations	160,000.00	208,000.00
Religious radio stations / TVs	300,000.00	390,000.00
Forwarders and Clearing Agent		
- Class A	900,000.00	1,170,000.00
- Class B	400,000.00	480,000.00
- Class C	300,000.00	360,000.00
Financial services		
- Banks		
(a) Head Office	9,000,000.00	15,030,000.00
(b) Branches	4,000,000.00	7,000,000.00
(c) Agencies	2,000,000.00	2,600,000.00
- Micro Finances	700,000.00	910,000.00
- Forex Bureau	700,000.00	910,000.00
- Insurance Companies	700,000.00	1,505,000.00
- Insurance Brokers	530,000.00	689,000.00
- Insurance Agencies	350,000.00	455,000.00
Pest Control Services		
- Class A	300,000.00	390,000.00
- Class B	180,000.00	234,000.00
- Class C	120,000.00	156,000.00
Veterinary Services		

- Class A	380,000.00	459,800.00
- Class B	190,000.00	228,000.00
Fridge, TV and radio repairs		
- Limbe / Blantyre CBDs	180,000.00	219,600.00
- In major trading centres	115,000.00	138,000.00
- In local centres	47,000.00	56,400.00
Dog bath	140,000.00	168,000.00
Horticultural / Forestry Nursery Licence	50,000.00	60,000.00
Garden Centre Florist Licence	200,000.00	240,000.00
Decorators /Event Managers	300,000.00	360,000.00
Entertainment halls/Conference centres/Garden venue		
Premier (E H/CC)	830,000.00	996,000.00
Garden events		
- Class A	520,000.00	624,000.00
- Class B	450,000.00	540,000.00
- Class C	260,000.00	312,000.00
Licence replacement fee	40,000.00	52,000.00
Licence application forms:<MK100,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00
Licence application forms:>MK100,000.00<MK	6,000.00	8,000.00
Licence application forms:> MK300,000.00	15,000.00	18,000.00
Gaming & Lotteries	450,000.00	585,000.00
KIOSKS	15,000.00	19,500.00
Betting	45,000.00	58,500.00
Airtime	20,000.00	26,000.00
Mobile Money Transfers	45,000.00	58,500.00
Transmission Towers(Per tower/year)	350,000.00	455,000.00
Shoemakers		
- Class A	300,000.00	360,000.00
- Class B	190,000.00	228,000.00
Shoeshiners	25,000.00	30,000.00
Warehouse		
- Class A	1,100,000.00	1,430,000.00
- Class B	650,000.00	845,000.00
- Class C	440,000.00	572,000.00
Feecal/Sludge Emptying		
- Class A - With vehicles	520,000.00	634,400.00
- Class B - Without vehicles	350,000.00	420,000.00
Private Toilet Operator	260,000.00	314,600.00
Mobile Toilet Operator	100,000.00	120,000.00

Telecommunication eg TNM, Airtel, Access shop	800,000.00	1,040,000.00
Publication i.e Nation, Dairly Times	810,000.00	1,053,000.00
Publication outlet	350,000.00	420,000.00
Optic Fibre Service Providers(Per pole per month)	1,500.00	1,950.00
Optic Fibre Service Providers(Business Licence)	2,100,000.00	2,730,000.00
BILLBOARD ADVERTISING/MONTH/SQ METER		
SIZE: 18 M by 6M	300,000.00	390,000.00
SIZE: 12 M by 6M	240,000.00	312,000.00
SIZE: 12 M by 3M	200,000.00	260,000.00
SIZE: 9 M by 3M	160,000.00	208,000.00
SIZE: 6 M by 6M	140,000.00	182,000.00
SIZE: 4 M by 3M	100,000.00	130,000.00
SIZE: 3M by 3M	NEW	2,520,000.00
SIZE: 3 M by 2M	80,000.00	104,000.00
BILLBOARD WITH NO ADVERT (per month)	12,000.00	15,600.00
NOTE: Average fee per square meter	2,500.00	3,000.00
Mobile Trailers (per month/trailer)	150,000.00	195,000.00
Digital Billboards	200,000.00	260,000.00
Sign post	25,000.00	32,500.00
Charge per pole	15,000.00	19,500.00
1 sq meter and below	25,000.00	32,500.00
Above 1 sq meter - 5 sq M	40,000.00	52,000.00
Above 5 sq M	50,000.00	65,000.00
RENTAL CHARGES		
Kiosks (Ground rentals)	30,000.00	39,000.00
Limbe Market		
Lock ups (small)	35,000.00	45,500.00
Lock ups (standard)	50,000.00	65,000.00
Barber shops	50,000.00	65,000.00
small shops	50,000.00	65,000.00
shops (78, 79, 80)	95,000.00	114,000.00
shops (81, 82,83)	115,000.00	138,000.00
Butcheries	85,000.00	102,000.00
Restaurant - class a	115,000.00	149,500.00
Restaurant - class b	115,000.00	149,500.00

Blantyre mkt		
Shops	50,000.00	65,000.00
Barber shops	50,000.00	65,000.00
Butcheries	60,000.00	78,000.00
Restaurants	85,000.00	110,500.00
Toilets	115,000.00	149,500.00
Ndirande mkt		
Shops	35,000.00	45,500.00
Butcheries	45,000.00	58,500.00
Chilomoni	-	
Shops	15,000.00	19,500.00
Butcheries	20,000.00	26,000.00
Lock ups	12,000.00	15,600.00
Shops	115,000.00	149,500.00
Bar (1 & 8)	150,000.00	172,500.00
Manyowe Market		
Shops	25,000.00	32,500.00
DETAILS		
PARKING FEES		
- Limbe / Blantyre streets	500.00	1,000.00
- Buses,Lorries and other Big Vehicles	10,000.00	20,000.00
- Mini bus within Blantyre City	600.00	1,200.00
- Minibuses Going out of city	2,000.00	4,000.00
- Coasters Parking fees in Depots other Plac	4,000.00	8,000.00
- Buses overnight	14,000.00	28,000.00
- Coaster overnight	10,000.00	20,000.00
- Minibus overnight	4,000.00	8,000.00
- Reserve parking	90,000.00	150,000.00
- Clumping	50,000.00	100,000.00
- International Buses	70,000.00	140,000.00
MARKET FEES	500.00	500.00
VEHICLE ENTRY FEE	-	
- 1 Tonner & Below	20,000.00	40,000.00
- Above 1 - 3 Tonner	35,000.00	70,000.00
- Above 3 - 5 Tonner	40,000.00	80,000.00
- Above 5 Tonner	50,000.00	100,000.00
TOILETS FEES	400.00	500.00

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